

Federal Management Regulation

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(x) *Department of Treasury.* Motor vehicles used by the U.S. Secret Service; the Criminal Investigation Division and the Internal Security Division of the Internal Revenue Service; motor vehicles used for investigative activities by the Collection Division of the Internal Revenue Service; motor vehicles used by the Office of Enforcement and the Office of Inspection at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; and motor vehicles used by the Office of Enforcement, Office of Compliance Operations, and the Office of Internal Affairs at the U.S. Customs Service.

(y) *Department of Veterans Affairs.* Motor vehicles used for investigative activities by the Office of the Inspector General and regional Field Examiners and Property Management Inspectors.

§ 102-34.200 What agencies have a special exemption from displaying U.S. Government license plates and motor vehicle identification?

Motor vehicles assigned for the use of the President and the heads of executive departments specified in 5 U.S.C. 101 are exempt from the requirement to display motor vehicle identification. All motor vehicles, other than those assigned for the personal use of the President, will display official U.S. Government license plates.

§ 102-34.205 What license plates and motor vehicle identification do we use on motor vehicles that are exempt from motor vehicle identification and U.S. Government license plates?

Display the regular license plates of the State, Commonwealth, territory or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, where the motor vehicle is principally operated.

§ 102-34.210 What special requirements apply to exempted motor vehicles operating in the District of Columbia?

If your agency wants to use regular District of Columbia license plates for motor vehicles exempt from displaying U.S. government license plates and motor vehicle identification, your agency head must designate an official to authorize them. Provide the name and facsimile signature of that official

to the District of Columbia, Department of Transportation, annually.

§ 102-34.215 Can GSA ask for a listing of exempted motor vehicles?

Yes. If asked, the head of each executive agency must submit a report concerning motor vehicles exempted under this subpart. This report, which has been assigned interagency report control number 1537-GSA-AR, should be submitted to the: General Services Administration, ATTN: MTV, Washington, DC 20405. Email: vehicle.policy@gsa.gov

Subpart C—Official Use of Government Motor Vehicles

§ 102-34.220 What is official use of a motor vehicle owned or leased by the Government?

Official use of a motor vehicle is using a motor vehicle to perform your agency's mission(s), as authorized by your agency.

§ 102-34.225 May I use a motor vehicle owned or leased by the Government for transportation between my residence and place of employment?

No, you may not use a Government motor vehicle for transportation between your residence and place of employment unless your agency authorizes such use after making the necessary determination under 31 U.S.C. 1344 and subpart 101-6.4 of this title. Your agency must keep a copy of the written authorization within the agency and monitor the use of these motor vehicles.

§ 102-34.230 May Government contractors use motor vehicles owned or leased by the Government?

Yes, Government contractors may use Government motor vehicles when authorized under applicable procedures and the following conditions:

(a) Motor vehicles are used for official purposes only and solely in the performance of the contract.

(b) Motor vehicles cannot be used for transportation between residence and place of employment, unless authorized in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 1344 and subpart 101-6.4 of this title.

(c) Contractors must:

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(1) Establish and enforce suitable penalties against employees who use, or authorize the use of, such motor vehicles for unofficial purposes or for other than in the performance of the contract; and

(2) Pay any expenses or cost, without Government reimbursement, for using such motor vehicles other than in the performance of the contract.

§ 102-34.235 What does GSA do if it learns of unofficial use of a motor vehicle owned or leased by the Government?

GSA reports the matter to the head of the agency employing the motor vehicle operator. The employing agency investigates and may, if appropriate, take disciplinary action under 31 U.S.C. 1349 or may report the violation to the Attorney General for prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 641.

§ 102-34.240 How are Federal employees disciplined for misuse of motor vehicles owned or leased by the Government?

If an employee willfully uses, or authorizes the use of, a motor vehicle for other than official purposes, the employee is subject to suspension of at least one month or, up to and including, removal by the head of the agency (31 U.S.C. 1349).

§ 102-34.245 How am I responsible for protecting motor vehicles?

When a Government-owned or -leased motor vehicle is under your control, you must:

(a) Park or store the vehicle in a manner that reasonably protects it from theft or damage.

(b) Lock the unattended motor vehicle. (The only exception to this requirement is when fire regulations or other directives prohibit locking motor vehicles in closed buildings or enclosures.)

§ 102-34.250 Am I bound by State and local traffic laws?

Yes. You must obey all motor vehicle traffic laws of the State and local jurisdiction, except when the duties of your position require otherwise. You are personally responsible if you violate State or local traffic laws. If you are fined or otherwise penalized for an of-

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fense you commit while performing your official duties, but which was not required as part of your official duties, payment is your personal responsibility.

§ 102-34.255 Who pays for parking fees and fines?

You must pay parking fees while operating a motor vehicle owned or leased by the Government. However, you can expect to be reimbursed for parking fees incurred while performing official duties. Conversely, if you are fined for a parking violation while operating a motor vehicle owned or leased by the Government, payment is your personal responsibility and you will not be reimbursed.

§ 102-34.260 Do Federal employees in motor vehicles owned or leased by the government have to use safety belts?

Yes Federal employees must use safety belts, when there is a safety belt.

Subpart D—Replacement of Motor Vehicles

§ 102-34.265 What are motor vehicle replacement standards?

Motor vehicle replacement standards specify the minimum number of years in use or miles traveled at which an executive agency may replace a Government-owned motor vehicle (see § 102-34.280).

§ 102-34.270 May we replace a Government-owned motor vehicle sooner?

Yes. You may replace a Government-owned motor vehicle if it needs body or mechanical repairs that exceed the fair market value of the motor vehicle. Determine the fair market value by adding the current market value of the motor vehicle plus any capitalized motor vehicle additions (such as a utility body or liftgate) or repairs. Your agency head or designee must review the replacement in advance.

§ 102-34.275 May we keep a Government-owned motor vehicle even though the standard permits replacement?

Yes. The replacement standard is a minimum only, and therefore, you may